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Canadiens **Giant-killers**



Dominic Moore of the Montreal Canadiens celebrates his team's fourth goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins, which was scored by teammate Travis Moen, in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals at Pittsburgh's Mellon Arena yesterday. The Canadiens won 5-2 to eliminate the Penguins from the playoffs. Story, page 14.

Cop being probed for alleged misconduct

Man accusing officer of violence, intimidation after 3 meetings

PETER MCCARTNEY
 for Metro Calgary

Calgary police are investigating one of their own after allegations of violence and intimidation towards a Calgary man.

Ryan Campbell called the police in mid-March to complain of unruly downstairs tenants who had music playing loudly at 6:30 a.m.

When the police arrived, Campbell alleges the officer in question was belligerent and yelled at him. "They said not to tell them how to do their job," said Campbell, who then filed a complaint because of the officer's behaviour.

"These are police officers, they're supposed to be here to protect me and I feel like I need to be protected from them."

Ryan Campbell, complainant

Early on May 10, the same officers from the incident behind the original complaint showed up at Campbell's home and arrested him on a warrant for a delinquent C-Train ticket from Nov. 7, 2009.

Kevin Brookwell of the Calgary Police Service acknowledged the complaint against the officer and indicated an investigation into the matter was underway.

"These allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly ... We try to determine if there are issues relating to police service regulations under the Police Act," he said.

In Campbell's complaint, he alleges the officers used excessive force to ram him against his home and then again against the police cruiser — and he was told to stop resisting arrest, which he denied was the case.

At the police station, Campbell alleges, he was denied a call to his work-

place, an unopened shop at Sunridge Mall, to avoid a \$1,000 fine and was released to the streets in his pajamas.

Campbell claims four hours later the same two officers appeared at his workplace, milling about near his booth, pointing and whispering.

"These are police officers, they're supposed to be here to protect me and I feel like I need to be protected from them," Campbell said.

Brookwell said once evidence is collected by the Professional Standards Section they will determine if criminal charges should be laid.

WITH FILES FROM KRISTA SYLVESTER

Parody site lands man in trouble with city

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BLOGGER Unofficially running for Ward 15 has landed a Calgary blogger in hot water with the city.

For the past year, Jeremy Zhao has had a website with a fake Ward 15 aldermanic photo of himself on the official City of Calgary website he used as a template, but Zhao received a hand-delivered cease-and-desist order on Tuesday ordering him to immediately take down the site.

"I believe this is directly interfering with my freedom of speech and I am really surprised and disappointed. I want to fight it really badly, but I just can't right now," a dejected Zhao said.

"I just put the site up because I thought it was funny. It was a joke. I never expected to receive a letter like that and it kind of scared me."

Zhao, a 22-year-old engineering student, fears that if he attempts to fight the order he may have trouble finding a future job, so he plans to remove the site on Monday.

City of Calgary lawyer Allan Cunningham confirmed the city sent the letter and expects the site to be taken down immediately.

"It's fairly basic, we believe the website is misleading to anyone who looks at it because it's using the city's website as a background," Cunningham said.

Online

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Crash destroys vehicles

Police said two vehicles were totally demolished when they arrived at the 6600 block of Falconridge Boulevard NE just after midnight yesterday. Two people were extricated from the vehicles and taken to hospital in critical condition. Police were investigating whether speed or alcohol were factors in the wreck.

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News in brief

ARREST Calgary Police took a man into custody after he was alleged to be filming a staff bathroom at a city restaurant. Steven Craig Smith, 36, was arrested after management found a cellphone with video capabilities in the staff-only washroom. He has been charged with one count of voyeurism, with further charges possible as the investigation continues. Police are not releasing the name of the restaurant.

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Blogs Backbeat backs up his theory that May is music's mightiest month

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Duo still won't don life-vests

KRISTA SYLVESTER
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A pair of Calgary siblings are vowing to keep floating the Elbow River vest-free, despite a judge upholding a bylaw forcing rafters to buckle up.

Cory, 22, and Brittiany Latouche, 25, filed a constitutional challenge to a bylaw stating people must wear life-jackets at all times when they're on a city waterway after being hit with a \$500 fine last summer.

The pair argued that under Canada's constitution only the federal government can make laws about waterways, but Judge Judith Shriar said they failed to successfully argue that the city's rule impairs any of the federal government's powers.

Federal laws stipulate that life-jackets must be in the boat or raft, not that they must be worn. City lawyer Ola Malik said the bylaw complements that rule: "We're protecting the



Brittiany and Cory Latouche plan to appeal a judge's decision to uphold a bylaw forcing boaters to wear life-vests on Calgary waterways — in the meantime, they plan to raft vest-free.

lives and safety of those who engage in boating activities."

But the Latouches won't be wearing their jackets this summer. "I will not wear a life-jacket. It's the Elbow River, it's not the

Bow. The water is knee-deep high. I think it's the personal choice of Calgaryans to decide if they want to wear one or not," Cory said.

The siblings are appealing the decision, but Brit-

tiany said the fight isn't about the ticket.

"It's a lot of money and I don't think people should be fined for not wearing a life-jacket in such shallow water. That should be our decision," she said.

Swann suggests giving Albertans \$50 tax break for voting

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

POLITICS Voting in future elections could put \$50 back in your pocket.

Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann announced plans yesterday for "12 steps to a cleaner government," which proposed a \$50 tax credit to those who vote in provincial elections.

Swann said the 40 per



"I like to give incentives for people to do the right thing."
Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann

cent voter turnout in the last election was "unacceptable."

"I like to give incentives for people to do the right thing," said Swann.

He estimated that if the tax credit were given to one million voters in an election year, it would cost

the government around \$12.5 million per year.

"This is an important investment in democracy and if it gets people out to the polls ... I say it's worth it," he explained.

Mount Royal policy studies instructor Duane Bratt said the tax credit idea has

potential.

"I think we need to look at a number of different ways of increasing voter turnout, and this is a creative one," said Bratt. "This would be something that would be a good trial balloon in one province."

Along with the tax credit, the "Clean Government Initiative" proposed fixed elections dates, banning all corporate donations and limiting the power of the premier's office.



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Council OKs property tax subsidy for fire victims

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

BLAZE City council approved a proposal yesterday to provide victims of the Millrise condo fire with \$110,000 to cover property tax.

The March 18 fire destroyed all 159 units in the building leaving approximately 300 residents homeless.

"I think that given the devastation that they've suffered I think it's the appropriate thing for us to do," said Ald. Brian Pincott.

Pincott is on the city's finance and corporate services committee that was behind the approval of the tax break.

The money will come from the fiscal stability reserve, which Pincott explained is set aside especially for an event such as the Millrise fire.

"It's specifically set up for one-time expenditures like this," he explained. "It gives them a little bit of help, and the help we can give them."



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Construction will start on the new Northwest High School tomorrow afternoon with politicians and school officials attending the groundbreaking ceremony. The new school, which is yet to be named, should open for the 2013/2014 year and can hold 1,500 students. **METRO CALGARY**

Syncrude lawyer derides charges

COURTS A lawyer for Syncrude says charges faced by the oilsands giant over 1,600 dead ducks on its tailing pond are a cheap shot and a gross overreaction by prosecutors.

Robert White also argued yesterday that a guilty verdict would threaten the very foundation of business in Alberta.

He said in his final arguments before Judge Ken Tjosvold that the matter should have been handled at the provincial level — with fines — if Syncrude indeed violated its regulatory agreement with the government in the duck deaths.

Instead, said White, the company was unfairly bushwhacked “through the back door” with two environmental charges that don’t apply.

“That is a denial of fairness, justice, common sense and decency,” White told Tjosvold in provincial court.

If Syncrude is found guilty, then the ground will have shifted for every company in Alberta, White argued. Syncrude faces one charge for failing to stop the ducks from landing on its 12-square-kilometre tailings pond.

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Online ad leads to robbery

CRIME Two men are wanted by Calgary police in connection with a robbery related to the answering of an online ad.

According to police, a man responded to a posted ad to purchase an iPad. When he arranged to meet to make the purchase at a parking lot near 40 Ave and Shaganappi Trail NW yesterday at around 10 p.m., the man was robbed at gunpoint.

Both suspects are described as black, between 18 and 20 years of age and approximately 5’7” tall.

Their vehicle is described as an older model white Cadillac, with blue lights in the grill.

Anyone with information on this incident or on the whereabouts of the individuals is asked to call 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Folk Fest lays out expansion plans

Main stage to start earlier than normal to accommodate eager music fans

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

Along with announcing the lineup for the 31st annual Calgary Folk Music Festival yesterday, festival co-ordinators outlined plans for expansion.

The event that runs from July 22 to 25 will be opening the gates earlier on the inaugural day, providing eager fans with even more music.

“We typically start the main stage at 5:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon,” said the festival’s artistic director of 17 years Kerry Clarke.

“This year we’re starting it at 3 p.m., we’re starting with three stages so that’s nine extra hours of programming.”

This year’s event will include a total of 68 artists, 13 of which are Albertan, including singer-songwriter Samantha Savage-Smith.

For Calgary-born Savage-Smith, 22, playing at this year’s folk fest for the first time is a dream come true. “I was extremely excited, I dreamt about it,” she said. “I always wanted one



Calgary Folk Music Festival organizers introduced the lineup yesterday for the 31st annual instalment of the event. Among the performers at this year’s festival will be Calgary-born singer-songwriter Samantha Savage-Smith.

of those backstage passes.”

Savage-Smith said that folk fest has a unique quality that draws loyal patrons every year.

“It’s really cool, I think it’s really unique to this

city and it’s something really special.”

The organization is in the process of building a new hall in Inglewood that will be a permanent office space, and house a 250-seat

performance hall. Organizers are hoping the hall will be finished sometime next year, and that it can be used year-round as a performance space.

But even with the new

The acts include

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- Cat Empire
- Corb Lund
- St. Vincent
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- 68 groups from 14 different countries
- Groups will play to an expected 52,000 people on seven stages
- Tickets for the Folk Fest are now on sale and can be purchased online at calgaryfolkfest.com/tickets or by calling 403-233-0904.

KATIE TURNER/
FOR METRO CALGARY

space, the four-day festival will continue to be held in Prince’s Island Park as it has been for the last three decades.

“Prince’s Island is perfect. I think it’s better to sell out or be closer to capacity in a smaller venue than to not be sold out at a larger venue so we are absolutely not looking to ever move,” explained Clarke.



Constables Ian McCaughtrie and Lena Chernecki are encouraging Calgarians to lock up their houses to avoid break-ins.

Anti-break-in drive launched by police

SAFETY Lock it or you may lose it.

That’s the message Calgary police are sharing with south Calgary residents under a new public awareness campaign designed to cut down on the amount of house break and enters, which police say is on the rise across the city.

“We were alarmed at the number of break and enters where, (in) a lot of them, the victim could have protected themselves if basic precautions were taken,” Const. Ian McCaughtrie said.

McCaughtrie and Const. Lena Chernecki spearheaded the campaign through District 8 and if officers find a home unsecured they will make attempts to locate the owner.

“If we don’t find anyone we will leave a ‘Keep It Locked’ door hanger inside or with the home to remind them,” Chernecki said, adding the hanger won’t be visible to strangers.

Sundance resident Wally Shirak welcomes the program to his neighbourhood.

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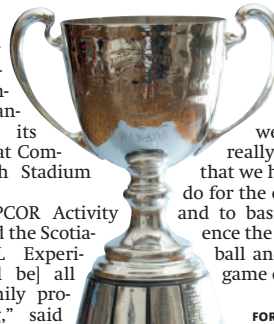
Edmonton announces 2010 Grey Cup Festival

SPORTS Edmonton’s Hot to Huddle 2010 Grey Cup Festival will be hotter than ever this year, while still being family-friendly.

The 2010 Grey Cup Festival Committee announced its big plans at Commonwealth Stadium yesterday.

“The EPCOR Activity Centre and the Scotia-Bank CFL Experience [will be] all about family programming,” said

Duane Vienneau, executive director of the 2010 Grey Cup Festival. “Everyone likes to go to Grey Cup and have a good time, and experience some of the nightlife, but we’re trying to really make sure that we have things to do for the entire family, and to basically experience the game of football and the biggest game of the year.”



ELISE BARTA/
FOR METRO CALGARY

Exercise helps kidney failure patients, says AHS

HEALTH Researchers at Alberta Health Services have shown that exercise can assist patients experiencing kidney failure.

Over a three-month period, the Southern Alberta Renal Program studied 31 patients as they rode stationary bikes during hemodialysis, a method of removing waste and toxins from the blood when one’s kidneys are unable to do so.

“My legs are stronger, I can breathe better and my legs aren’t as stiff,” said Ralph Bosomworth, an 87-year-old who has been on conventional hemodialysis since 2007.

“It makes a big difference in the way I feel.”

In total, an average of 12 per cent more urea was removed when the patients were pedaling.

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Police on hunt for drug thief

CRIME Calgary police are looking for a man wanted on four break-and-enter charges involving the alleged theft of drugs.

William Crawford, 44 of Calgary is about 5’7”, 160 lbs. with blue eyes. He sometimes goes by Phillip Gyorgy or Bill. Anyone who knows of his whereabouts should call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477.

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FUNDRAISER Over 150 local philanthropists and business leaders raised \$224,100 yesterday for Bow Valley College, and the government is matching the funds for a total of \$448,200. “These donations ensure that our learners continue to have access to any time, any place, any path, any pace education,” said President and CEO of Bow Valley College Sharon Carry.

DERAILED Drivers along Highway 2A between Carstairs and Highway 580 will have to detour until this afternoon after a train derailment that saw two CPR engines and 11 rail cars off their tracks. At this time, CP Rail does not suspect foul play.

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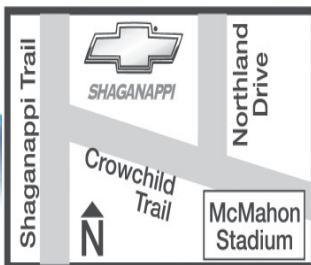
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Now, welfare debit cards?

Manitoba's government is considering special debit cards for welfare recipients that would avoid the stigma, fees and hurdles that can come with cashing monthly cheques. The cards would access an account where money is deposited.

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Pardoned sex attacker traced

Pardoned sex predator Graham James has been tracked down in Mexico.

Reports say the former junior hockey coach has been located in Guadalajara, where he's said to be working and living in a gated community.

"I'm impressed that you found me," said James, 58, when confronted on a city street.

In 1997, James pleaded guilty to sexual assault charges stemming from allegations levelled by two of his former teen players.

James, who was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison, was quietly pardoned three years

ago, but the pardon wasn't made public until last month.

The news touched off a firestorm of controversy, culminating in Ottawa's promise Tuesday to revamp the system and make it more difficult for repeat and violent offenders to get pardons.

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Private investigator Derek Snowdy appears yesterday at a Commons committee.

Guergis finally gets a break

HEARING The private eye in the Guergis-Jaffer scandal says he has no knowledge of any misbehaviour by turfed cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

But Derek Snowdy is raising questions about her husband, Rahim Jaffer. He has told a Commons committee a client met Jaf-

"Haven't had anything to do with him since."

Liberal chief Alf Apps

fer and business associate Nazim Gillani and was told they could arrange "special considerations" with

the government.

Snowdy also dragged in Liberal president Alf Apps, saying he acted on behalf of Gillani in a fraud case.

Apps said his relationship with Gillani was short. "Didn't know him before; haven't had anything to do with him since."

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Harper rebuffs UN chief over climate

G20 Canada brushed aside a public demand yesterday by the visiting United Nations chief and reiterated it will not make climate change a priority item when it hosts the G20 summit next month.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper stuck to his G20 plan to keep the summit's focus squarely on the global economic recovery after he met UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his Parliament Hill office.

A Harper aide said Ban had a cordial conversation with his boss, but failed to convince the prime minister to push climate change to the top of the G20 agenda.

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Dozens of protesters gathered yesterday at a Toronto-area shelter run by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to voice anger over the decision to euthanize about 350 animals infected by ringworm. They said euthanizing is excessive, as the disease is treatable. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Advocates push for new breastfeeding policy

New mothers in Ontario are inundated with baby formula by companies, which makes it difficult to convince women to keep breastfeeding their babies, advocacy groups said yesterday.

The Ontario Breastfeeding Committee, the Registered Nurses' Association,

"In the absence of regulations, new moms are being targeted by companies who are inundating them with these products."

Ontario NDP MPP France Gelinas

midwives and pediatricians want the Ontario government to develop a breastfeeding strategy for use in

all hospitals. They also want the province to stop companies from direct marketing formula to new

moms as they leave the hospital. The Newman Breastfeeding Clinic sees thousands of new moms each year and is amazed at how many end up getting free formula sent to them, even when they haven't signed up for such products, said Edith Kernerman.

"We really wonder how

they get those names ... (Moms) say, 'I didn't sign up for anything, I don't know how I got it.'"

New Democrat France Gelinas also wants to know how baby formula companies get the names and addresses of new moms.

"Our health care system

is not there to support the (mothers), but the formula companies are ready to push their products on new moms ... In the absence of regulations, new moms are being targeted by companies who are inundating them with these products."

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Family's death prompts soil tests

LANDSLIDE A deadly landslide in Quebec has prompted government experts to conduct emergency soil tests to ensure a similar tragedy doesn't happen in the region again.

Given a landslide that left a crater as big as several football fields, authorities are now concerned about the safety of other homes and businesses in the area of St-Jude, a farming community 75 kilometres east of Montreal.

Quebec's civil security service has asked a team of experts to start testing properties by tomorrow. "We want to evaluate the imminence of soil erosion in other risk areas in the region, beginning here in St-Jude," said Michel C. Dore, the department's associate deputy minister in charge of emergency co-ordination.

Tragedy
Four people were killed in the village of St-Jude, about 75 km east of Montreal, when a huge chunk of land gave way Monday night, sweeping their family home along with it.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

JUSTICE Canada's prison ombudsman says MPs need to ask harder questions about whether the country will get its money's worth from expensive changes to the criminal justice system. Federal politicians are agreeing to spend billions of dollars on prisons over the next few years, says Howard Sapers, the Correctional Investigator of Canada.

ANTHEM Only 67 per cent of high school students know the words to O Canada — and even fewer can hum along, says a survey by the University of Victoria. The survey found over 30 per cent of teens don't know the lyrics, while only 46 per cent could sing it with fewer than two melodic errors.

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Doorman at convent part of cocaine ring

World



Swede finds mighty herring

A maritime expert says a 3.65-metre Giant Oarfish — the world's largest bony fish — has been found in Swedish waters for the first time in 130 years. Also known as the "King of Herrings," the dead fish was picked up by a west coast resident who found it floating near the shore over the weekend. It was handed over to the House of the Sea aquarium in the town of Lysekil, where expert Roger Jansson says it's being kept pending a decision on what to do with it. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Boy only survivor of crash

The Netherlands went into mourning yesterday, shocked at the deaths of at least 61 Dutch citizens flying back from spring break vacations in South Africa on a plane that plunged into the Libyan desert near Tripoli.

A young child, the sole survivor, was rushed to a hospital in the Libyan capital for immediate surgery for multiple fractures of both legs, officials said.

Libyan officials and the Dutch tourism board said he was a 10-year-old Dutch boy, but the Foreign Ministry said it could not verify details until its embassy official visited the hospital and spoke to the child.

Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said, "We suppose he's Dutch because he said 'Holland Holland' to the doctor treating him," and the doctor conveyed that information to the Dutch consul.

An unnamed doctor, speaking in Arabic in the video, said the child "has several breaks in both legs and is under intensive care but is stable."

"The entire medical



In this image from Libyan TV, a boy — the only known survivor of the crash of an Afriqiyah Airways plane in Tripoli — is treated in a hospital.

team is doing their best to assist in this tragedy," he said.

Dutch flags were lowered and campaigning for the June 9 parliamentary election was suspended in respect for the dead. Today is already a religious and national holiday, Ascension Day, when banks and stores are closed.

Video of the survivor, filmed by Libyan TV, was repeatedly shown on the main Dutch TV channel, along with scenes of the wreckage-strewn field near Tripoli airport marked by the tail of the plane.

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N. Korea claims nuclear fusion breakthrough

SCIENCE North Korea claimed yesterday that its scientists succeeded in creating a nuclear fusion reaction, but experts doubted the isolated country actually had made the breakthrough in the elusive clean-energy technology.

Fusion nuclear reactions produce little radioactive waste — unlike fission, which powers conventional nuclear power reactors — and some hope it could provide a virtually limitless supply of clean energy. Scientists have been experimenting with fusion for decades, but it has yet to be developed into a viable energy alternative.

North Korea's main newspaper, however, reported that its own scientists achieved the feat on the occasion of the "Day of the Sun" — a North Korean holiday marking the birthday of the country's late

Claims doubted

Experts doubted the North's claim. "Nuclear fusion reaction is not something that can be done so simple. It's very difficult," said Hyeon Park, a physics professor at Postech, a top science and technology university in South Korea. Park said the North may have succeeded in making a plasma device and produced plasma — only one preliminary step toward achieving fusion.

dynastic founder, Kim Il Sung, in April.

Often, North Korea's propaganda apparatus uses the occasions of holidays honouring Kim or his son, current leader Kim Jong Il, to make claims of great achievements that are rarely substantiated.

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9 killed in latest school attack in China

MASSACRE Children as young as three years old were among the victims targeted in an attack at a kindergarten in north-western China that killed seven toddlers and two adults, a doctor said Thursday.

The attacker who charged into the kindergarten yesterday and hacked at his victims with a cleaver was also a familiar figure to them, said another doctor. The killer, 48-year-old Wu Huanming, committed suicide at home following the attack.

The assault, which left 11 other children hospitalized, was China's fifth such school rampage in less than two months, and occurred despite heightened security countrywide, with gates and cameras installed at some schools and additional police and guards posted at entrances.

The attacks have raised concerns about the rising emotional stress in China's high-pressure, rapidly changing society, along with a dire lack of infrastructure to diagnose and treat severe mental illness.

Some of the recent assaults

- April 30: A farmer attacks and wounds five kindergarten students with a hammer.
- April 29: A man attacks four-year-olds in a kindergarten, wounding 29.
- April 28: A teacher on sick leave due to mental illness breaks into a primary school and stabs 18 students and a teacher.
- April 12: Yang Jiaqin, 40, hacks to death a second grader and an elderly woman.
- March 23: Zheng Minsheng kills eight children in a knife attack. Zheng is executed April 28.

It was not clear if security had been increased at the private Shengshui Temple Kindergartens on the rural outskirts of Hanzhong, an industrial city of nearly 4 million

people.

Images taken from local TV portrayed the school, which only had about 20 students, as a tumble-down, two-story farmhouse. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Iraq Justice demanded in death



A man wears tape over his mouth to protest the killing of 23-year-old journalist Sardasht Othman in Sulaimaniyah, 260 kilometres from Baghdad, Iraq yesterday. More than a thousand people demonstrated in the Kurdish city, demanding justice in the death of Othman, whose body was found last week.

Woman fatally kicked by giraffe

WILDLIFE South Africa's press agency says a giraffe has kicked a woman to death at a game farm in northeastern South Africa.

The South African Press Agency said Wednesday that the woman took a walk with her two dogs on the game farm in Limpopo province Saturday morning. The agency, citing South Africa's Beeld newspaper, says one of the dogs

ran towards a herd of giraffe, scaring them. The newspaper says the 25-year-old woman tried to protect the dog, prompting a giraffe to kick her in the neck, killing her.

Although giraffes subsist on leaves and do not hunt, they are capable of delivering crushing blows with their powerful legs when threatened.

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News in brief

BRANDING A man accused of branding his children like cattle is on trial in Washington state. KIRO-TV reports Mark Seamands branded his 13- and 15-year-old sons and 18-year-old daughter with the letters "SK" — for "Seamands' Kids." He's been charged with assaulting the sons but not the daughter because she was old enough to consent. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lawyer denies Dole impotency conspiracy

TRIAL A Texas lawyer testifying against Dole Foods denied that he was one of a group that allegedly conspired with a Nicaraguan judge to commit a massive fraud against the firm.

Charles Benton Musslewhite denounced the claims of a conspiracy with the judge to fix sperm tests for men claiming to have

"To me, it's just a bunch of bunk."

Charles Benton Musslewhite

been sterilized by exposure to pesticides on Dole banana plantations.

Musslewhite, who was one of several lawyers who

filed suits, vouched for the reputation of the Nicaraguan judge, Socorro Toruno, and testified Tuesday that he does not believe she directed a conspiracy to fix laboratory test results.

"To me, it's just a bunch of bunk," said Musslewhite, who flew in from Houston. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Game play can lead to more games

Relating

Steve Collins

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wrote a few weeks ago about how our handheld gadgets and on-line social networking are killing human interaction as we once knew it.

U.S. President Barack Obama got into the act this week with a convocation address in which he called out a few of the more popular digital toys for their potentially corrosive effect on the citizenry: "With iPods and iPads and Xboxes and PlayStation — none of which I know how to work — information becomes a distraction, a diversion, a form of entertainment, rather than a tool of empowerment, rather than the means of emancipa-

tion."

On Obama's hit list of four electronic brain rotters, two are dedicated video game platforms, which is no surprise. Video games and their players get little respect, and, in popular mythology, no dates either.

As always, there's some truth to the stereotype of the socially withdrawn, perpetually celibate gamer. Video gaming is still a noticeably estrogen-poor environment, and online inter-

actions can, as a result, be a little like Lord Of The Flies.

Earlier this year, GameCrush.com offered both a solution for and an exploitation of this gender imbalance, offering male gamers the opportunity to pay to play video games with women, with attendant conversations ranging from "flirty" to "dirty." If it all seems a little tawdry and desperate, GameCrush's slogan, "Be a player," does little to help.

Meanwhile, gaming cul-

ture seems on closer examination to be a little more complex than assumed. Researchers last month presented a study in which they interviewed male and female players of the online game World of Warcraft and found that relationships between them develop online much as they do in other contexts — by progressive degrees of intimacy.

People who meet in the game sometimes develop lasting friendships and

even romances that endure out here in the sunlight. Marriages are not unknown.

How different, really, are couples who hook up via Call of Duty or Second Life from those who make their connection through eHarmony or Lavalife? Two people who meet while playing a game they both enjoy at least know they've got one thing in common.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Feminist relationships can't escape '50s

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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I have a love-hate relationship with my vacuum.

It's not because it, er, sucks. It's just that I'm the only one who uses it.

You see, I live with my boyfriend, and though we have an otherwise simpatico relationship, we often hit the housecleaning roadblock. He does the dishes and laundry, but that's about it. Between my love for cooking and his genetic

blindspot to toilet stains and dust bunnies, I've picked up the slack in the domestic department — but that doesn't mean I enjoy it.

As a society, we've left behind the disgruntled housewife and male breadwinner roles of yore, but in practice I still struggle with what it means for a feminist gal and her partner.

We both understand that growing up with strict gender roles can make a person. Being aware of them is the first step in overcoming them, but it's proving much harder to shake off these ingrained ideas.

Feminist cohabitation, commitment, and marriage are never perfect ideas. Even among couples who live to-

gether equitably before tying the knot, most married couples end up with a "traditional" division of household labour. On CBC radio this week, I heard that just 19 per cent of husbands and dads do the laundry.

Though Mother's Day is behind us, appreciate the mothers in your life — for being caregivers and for everything they've achieved since those white picket fence days. If there's one thing we could do for our mothers, maybe give her house a spring cleaning. Not just because it's a loving thing to do, but also a feminist one.

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Today, March for Life protesters will voice their dis-

pleasure with Canada's abortion policies on Parliament Hill. I may not agree with them, but I support their right to protest; I also encourage those who disagree to show their views as well.

With the public debate that's erupted over the G8 maternal health plan, and ongoing funding cuts to women's organizations, the conversation about women's rights ought to be full. Whether you value a woman's ownership of her body, value children, or value anything in between, make your voice heard.

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Business

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Canada scores well on tax rates

Canada ranks second to Mexico and far ahead of the U.S. on a list of tax-friendly countries for business, according to a new report.

In general, businesses in Mexico pay 40.1 per cent less tax than those in the U.S. Taxes in Canada are just more than one-third, or 36.1 per cent, lower.

At the other end of the spectrum, corporate taxes are 81.4 per cent higher in France than in the U.S., according to the report released yesterday by accounting firm KPMG.

Lower corporate tax rates

Top 10 countries

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| 1. Mexico | 6. United States |
| 2. Canada | 7. Germany |
| 3. Netherlands | 8. Italy |
| 4. Australia | 9. Japan |
| 5. United Kingdom | 10. France |

can be a huge competitive advantage when companies decide where to set up shop, said Greg Wiebe, managing partner in KPMG tax practice in Toronto.

"Having a competitive corporate tax rate hopefully allows you to attract more business and invest-

ment," Wiebe said.

While Mexico remains in the No. 1 spot with the lowest total taxes, changes to the tax systems in Australia, Canada and the Netherlands moved them higher in the ranking, conducted every two years.

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Lack of flights may be hurting trade

TRAVEL The president of Hawkes Bay Group, a Canadian company that sells textiles, chemicals and real estate and ships materials to the Middle East, wants to buy local.

But a shortage of direct flights between Toronto and Dubai has made it impractical to buy and ship some of his company's staple products in Canada, says Turhan Valliani.

Valliani's voice is part of a chorus backing Emirates Airlines' efforts to expand service to daily flights from Toronto, as well adding a daily flight into Calgary and Vancouver.

The concern is that poor air connections between Canada and the fast-growing economies of the Gulf

and India are putting a crimp on trade. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Behind bars but at work: Indian prisons outsource convicts for data processing work.

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Honda Easy riders



Shinji Aoyama, centre, president of Honda Motorcycles and Scooters India, poses with other Honda India executives yesterday on the newly launched Honda CB Unicorn Dazzler in New Delhi, India. The Dazzler is priced in Delhi at \$1,398 US.

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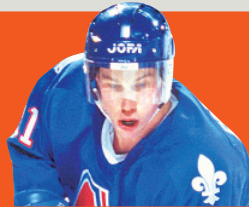
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Sports



Team eyed for Quebec City

First Winnipeg, then Quebec City? While Manitoba awaits word on the return of NHL hockey, the would-be owner of a team in Quebec is watching closely. Quebecor boss Pierre Karl Peladeau says he expects other U.S. teams, and not just the Phoenix Coyotes, will encounter financial difficulty. Peladeau says he wants to bring a team to Quebec City, which lost the Nordiques in 1995. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Red-hot Dwayne De Rosario scored in the 74th minute as Toronto FC took command of the Nutrilite Canadian Championship with a 1-0 victory over the Montreal Impact last night. Toronto broke through the Montreal defence and Chad Barrett hit a low blast that was tipped by diving goalkeeper Matt Jordan to De Rosario for a short shot into an open net.

BASEBALL Binoculars in the bullpen? Major League Baseball didn't like what it saw, and has told the Philadelphia Phillies to knock it off. The Phillies insisted yesterday they weren't trying to steal signs when bullpen coach Mick Billmeyer was caught on camera peering through binoculars from the bullpen bench at Coors Field earlier this week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Canadiens stun Pens

Montreal through to conference final after 5-2 win

(Montreal wins series 4-3)

Canadiens 5 Penguins 2



The Montreal Canadiens followed up a monumental upset by pulling off another, and now the Pittsburgh Penguins are joining the Washington Capitals in sitting out the rest of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Brian Gionta had two power-play goals, Mike Cammalleri scored his seventh goal of a series in which he upstaged Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin and the Canadiens built a stunning four-goal lead before beating the Penguins 5-2 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

Believe it, Canadiens. Disbelieve it, Penguins.

Montreal, about the last team anyone would have picked to beat the top-seeded Capitals, much less the reigning NHL champion Penguins, accomplished what no team has done since the current playoffs format was adopted in 1994. And that's beat the Presidents' Trophy winners and the Stanley Cup champions in successive rounds as an eighth-seeded team.



Pittsburgh Penguin Matt Cooke battles for a loose puck with Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak last night at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh. Montreal won 5-2.

When it ended, the Canadiens crowded around goalie Jaroslav Halak, who made 37 saves in a performance not quite as dominating as that in Montreal's 2-1 elimination win of Washington, but one that sent the Penguins home and shut down the NHL's oldest arena.

As remarkable as the upset was — the Canadiens

trailed 3-2 in the series before rallying to win the final two games — was how they did it. They silenced the standing room crowd of 17,132 in the last game played at 49-year-old Mellon Arena by seizing a 1-0 lead with only 32 seconds gone after Crosby took a bad penalty on his first shift, then built it to 4-0 with barely 25 minutes

gone.

Gionta scored on that Crosby-created power play. Dominic Moore made it 2-0 later in the period and Cammalleri scored his play-off-leading 12th goal at 3:32 of the second. The Penguins and their shellshocked crowd almost couldn't seem to fathom what was happening.

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Flyers on verge of unlikely comeback

(Series tied 3-3)

Bruins 1 Flyers 2



NHL The Flyers' far-fetched comeback is nearly complete.

Michael Leighton stopped 29 shots in his first start in nearly two months to help streaking Philadelphia beat the Bruins 2-1 last night and force a seventh game in Boston on Friday night.

"It's not always the easiest route, but we seem to find a way," Flyers defence-manch Chris Pronger said.

Philadelphia's post-sea-



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Michael Leighton dives trying to reach a loose puck last night in Philadelphia.

son appeared over after it lost the first three games of the series. Not now. The Flyers are on the brink of history — and a spot in the Eastern Conference finals against the Montreal Canadiens.

The 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders are the only NHL teams to come back from 3-0 deficits to win a best-of-seven playoff series. The Flyers are the first team to trail 3-0 and force

a Game 7 since the '75 Islanders.

Mike Richards and Danny Briere scored for the Flyers. Milan Lucic scored with a minute left for Boston.

Richards, the Flyers' captain, was stone faced discussing the significance of a Game 7 victory.

"It would mean we move on," he said. "We're not worried about any of the other stuff. We haven't really done much right now."

This was only the seventh time in 162 tries that a team facing a 3-0 deficit forced a Game 6. They are the sixth team in 11 tries to play a Game 7.

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Canada loses game and Stamkos

IIHF The heat has been turned up in a hurry for Canada's entry at the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

A 4-1 loss to Switzerland yesterday pales in comparison to the loss of forward Steven Stamkos, who sat out the entire third period after getting hit in the jaw with Timo Helbling's elbow. Stamkos was initially able to return, but saw his condition worsen.

"He took a pretty good elbow," said coach Craig MacTavish. "We got the word from the medical staff that he came back and was feeling OK. After that, between periods, he wasn't perfect and when that happens you pull the player immediately and he sleeps on it."

"We'll assess again tomorrow and see where we stand."

The team already lost its heart-and-soul when captain Ryan Smyth fractured his left ankle earlier this week and is now facing the possibility it could be without its superstar.

General manager Mark Messier didn't want to entertain that possibility while discussing his team's impending roster decisions. He currently has 11 forwards — 10 if Stamkos is unable to play on Friday — and can only name two more skaters before the end of the tournament.

Junior forward Jordan Eberle has been practising with the team and will likely be given one. The other will be used on a player who has recently seen his team eliminated from the NHL playoffs.

Thomas Deruns, Ivo Ruthemann, Martin Pluss and Andreas Ambuhl scored for Switzerland (3-0), which delivered a big victory for Canadian-born coach Sean Simpson.

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Season on the line, but LeBron's staying calm

NBA As a nation of critics dissected his rare poor playoff game, questioning his effort, digging for deeper clues about his future and wondering if he has what it takes to win an NBA championship, LeBron James worked on his jumper.

As panic spread through the region, swallowing his nearby hometown of Akron and causing further damage to Cleveland's badly damaged sports psyche, James exuded calm.

There's nothing he can do about Game 5. It's history.

Game 6 in Boston, however, is a chance for redemption and James believes Cavaliers fans should be confident.

Why?
"They got me," he said.

But which one? The league's two-time MVP? Or the guy who made 1-of-11 shots from

the outside, stood around passively on offence as the Celtics pulled away to take a 3-2 series lead and then raised eyebrows afterward by not being accountable and saying, "I spoil a lot of people with my play."

One day after scoring 15 points in the 120-88 loss — the Cavaliers' worst in playoff history — and being booed by fans who wonder if they'll ever see him

play in person again, James, who

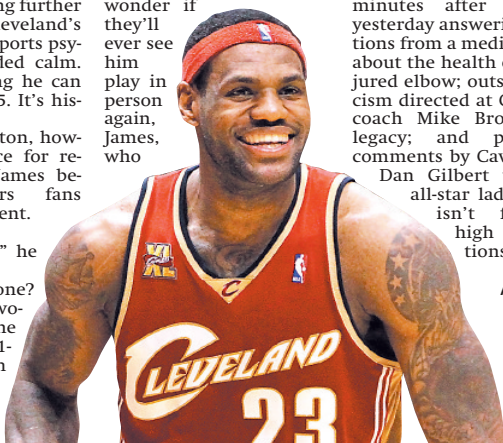
can leave Cleveland as a free agent July 1, said he and his teammates understand their season, the one that was supposed to end with a downtown parade, is on the brink.

"It's win or go home at this point," he said.

"All these guys understand what's at stake and we look forward to it."

James spent nearly 12 minutes after practice yesterday answering questions from a media throng about the health of his injured elbow; outside criticism directed at Cavaliers coach Mike Brown; his legacy; and postgame comments by Cavs owner Dan Gilbert that his all-star laden team isn't fulfilling high expectations.

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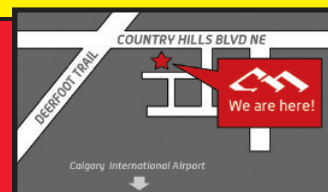
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He suggests to go modular — pieces such as armchairs, love seats and ottomans can be moved around to change up a space.

Tai says placing a free-standing or wall mirror strategically creates the illusion of a larger room and "enhances the feeling of a space."

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Try out these hot home hues

Avocado and harvest gold bring back memories of the '70s — but what colours will 2010 bring to our homes?

To kick off the new decade, Krylon, the nation's leader in spray paint, provides the latest in home design and colour trends, helping you to make a lasting impact with easy projects that are perfect for your home — inside and out.

"As the economy continues to climb out of a recession, there is less spending on new and more re-purposing of existing items for the home," says Donna Schroeder, Krylon, colour marketing and design manager. "A great way to bring new life to old objects is with spray paint in one of the year's hottest colours."

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Donna Schroeder of Krylon

According to Schroeder, drivers for 2010 trends are nature, senses and symbols. These drivers are interconnected, allowing each trend to blend into the other to create a cohesive look and feel throughout your space. Some stylish colour themes found in the 2010 palette are as follows:

Sense

Whether you prefer scented candles, dim lighting or cosy rugs to accent your home, stimulating all of the senses is key. Comprised of soft colours, the Sense trend will swaddle and soothe the soul. It en-

gages all five senses as it mixes textures, scents and patterns and also focuses on the details, allowing you to make a statement with even the smallest elements.

Colours include: Pacific purple, morning mist, hyacinth, celery, jade and sand.

Nurture

Environmental concerns continue to influence home design and decorating, with homeowners shifting toward smaller spaces, while also buying less and repurposing more. To complement this eco-consciousness, indoor design and

decor trends continue to be reminiscent of the outdoors. Bring the beauty of the environment into your home with colours found in natural elements.

Colours include: Fern, meringue, terra cotta, river rock, mountain view and cloud.

Symbol

A love of architectural shapes and details from the past help fuel the trend of symbols. Moody and complex colours are integral, allowing design elements from the yesteryear to resurface in modern-day homes. Look for accents with a historical look and feel to complement the dramatic hues and elegant feel of this trend.

Colours include: Almond, cherry red, navy and ivy leaf.

NEWS CANADA

Do your research for a smart reno

RENOVATION Canadians love to renovate and they usually hire someone to do it. According to a recent survey three quarters of households used a contractor for home renos.

Everyone has heard a construction/contractor horror story, either through a friend, family member or on a home improvement television program. Whether it is work not performed to code or customer specifications, projects taking longer than expected, or costs going way over budget, home renovations can be a stressful endeavour.

"Spending thousands of dollars on your home

is a big decision, so selecting the right contractor is an important step," said Wayne Ross, insurance expert at Aviva Canada.

Some tips:

- Connect with previous customers: Ask your friends for referrals of contractors that they've used, especially on similar projects. Request additional referrals from possible candidates.

- Look for consistency and permanence: The ideal service provider has a physical business office and address and has been in business for a number of years under the same name.

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Allowing colours within your chosen theme to blend into each other will create a cohesive look says Donna Schroeder of Krylon.



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Designer's tips on cooling off

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Part two of our Summer Decorating Style series continues with guest columnist India Hicks. She's a model, television host, designer and creator of the award-winning Island Living Collection of fragrances for Crabtree and Evelyn. This week we discuss some easy ways to cool down the house during the summer months.

Q What winter items should we take away in order to help cool down the house for summer?

A Summer is a good time to send dark and heavy rugs to be cleaned and stored. The polish of bare wooden floors is a welcome change and cool to the foot. If de-



Stripping away curtains and rugs, and adding slipcovers and plants, helps to create a summer look.

sired, the rugs can be substituted with plain or patterned sisals, that also absorb the sound but still feels fresh and light.

Karl's tip: I like the idea of stripping the heavy drapes off the rods and just leaving the sheers (or blinds) in place for the summer. It's a

great opportunity to have them professionally cleaned along with the rugs.

Q What items should we add to cool down the house for summer?

The easiest and most effective change for summer

A can be easy fitting, crisp cotton slipcovers on all chairs. If not white, striped ticking always has a summertime feeling. It's best to have the fabrics washed in hot water and pre-shrunk before they are sewn. By doing this, there are no worries about

getting them to fit back on the furniture after a mid-summer wash. There are also many other canvas outdoor fabrics that can weather the traffic of children and pets from the beach or pool as well as the spill of red wine or chocolate birthday cake.

Karl's tip: If your place heats up due to direct sunlight, consider a protective film for the windows. It will reduce the heat and keep your floors and furnishing protected from the sun's harmful rays.

Q How important are plants and flowers to creating a cool, summer feeling?

A Fresh flowers from the garden are always a pleasure and give a room a good boost. These touches are not always available in the other months of the year, and some types and smells are a particular summer treat. Matching giant house

plants can also lend a regal symmetry and drama to a space.

Q Anything else you'd like to add about cooling down the house for summer?

A Ceiling fans are especially nice. They can lower the temperature to some degree, as well create a refreshing breeze. Simple, plain white are the simplest/functional ceiling fans and serve a purpose year-round.

Camouflaging a sofa that may have a wintery feel can be done easily and inexpensively with a piece of linen or another weighty neutral colored fabric that can pool a little bit on the floor.

It is also a thought to paint some of your furniture: Wooden dining room chairs for example, could be painted in an airy summer color: Pale blue or dove grey and then black, or red for the winter months.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

Get your patio ready for the summer months

You've got the basics on your patio — a barbecue, a few chairs, and a dining table. But is it as great as it could be? Maybe not.

With a little effort and

imagination, your perfectly ordinary garden and back patio can become a delightfully unexpected treat. Here are some hints to make your patio a destination:

- Think accents and art, such as groupings of candles or lanterns or interesting pieces set upon tables. And don't forget other surfaces. Painted sculptural pieces such as large plywood flowers, or cutouts

of the sun and moon, or a series of lanterns, for example, can be hung on shed or house walls, or along a fence.

- Mirrors hung on a wall or fence reflect a lovely garden, and make a small

garden look bigger.

- But before you start buying accents, consider what look or theme you wish to create. Know this so you don't buy things that do not fit into your space.

- For example, some people may prefer a nautical look with painted decks; or a serene and calming Asian-themed space; a modern minimalist look; a wildwood garden complete with floral fabrics, an antique-looking birdbath and wrought iron furniture; or a party patio with brightly-coloured furniture, twinkly string lights, and fake palm trees. You may also opt to simply extend your indoor decor style outdoors. Your imagination may take you in any direction you wish—as long as your outdoor décor hangs together in colour palette or theme.

- Floor coverings really take things up a notch. Lay down an outdoor rug under the table or to centre a seating area. I've also seen painted canvas laid on the patio floor to stunning effect.

- Opt for weatherproof cushioned furniture. Include throw pillows and perhaps even a throw or two for those chilly evenings.
- If you don't have

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shade, an umbrella or an awning structure is a must. Also grow plants or train vines to provide shade.

- Plan for privacy. Barriers in crucial areas together with partial barriers with vines or other plantings in less critical areas will be attractive to both you and your neighbours.

- Large coordinated planters or urns are a wonderful way of bringing plants into a patio area. Stairs can also be beautifully decorated with plants, as long as they don't become a trip hazard.

- Consider lighting as it plays a big role in creating mood. For entertaining, soft lighting is a must.

- Small bubbling fountains add the sound of water, which is soothing and can screen out some urban noise.

- Aside from a patio barbecue area, a dining area and perhaps a sitting area, a fireplace pit area is another great idea, if you've got the room.

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Style



Madonna shades

See the world through Madonna's eyes. OK, maybe not. But at least you can wear her sunglasses. MDG, the Madonna-designed line of shades for D&G hits stores this month. Here's a sneak peek at her first try at creating eyewear (left). **KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Suit up for summer

Swimwear heats up with patterns, colour and cutouts



A properly fit bra-sized swimsuit like this one by Maryann Melhorn (\$289 at Linea Intima) helps slim by providing the necessary lift and support.

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

Along with that golden faux tan and generous lashings of SPF 30, a must-have for the coming summer is cute swimwear, of course.

"This season the hottest shapes for women are bandeau tops," says fashion stylist Afiya Francisco (thestylehouse.ca). "And cutouts. Again. Why they keep coming back I don't know — worst tan lines, ever," she adds. Pattern and colour,

colour, colour, particularly turquoise, are hot. "It's definitely not at the forefront, but I'm not sure black will ever really be out," comments Francisco, who shares style advice on shows such as Entertainment Tonight and Steven and Chris. "Regardless of trends, people seem to feel most comfortable in black."



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Oprah teams with Ball

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Entertainment



White nights

Not content with Betty White's performance on *Saturday Night Live*, fans have launched a new Facebook campaign to place White at the podium come next year's Oscar night. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Jack White delivers again

The Dead Weather

Album: *Sea of Cowards*

Label: Warner

Rating:

NOBODY IS EVER going to accuse Jack White of spreading himself too thin again. He's running three bands at once. Who cares? As long as he's creating the serious insane craziness that's contained on new Dead Weather CD, let's let him do what he wants. *Sea of Cowards* brings to fruition all the demonic promise of Dead Weather's debut, *Horehound*. White and Alison Mosshart pull off horror



movie duets, while Dean Fertita's guitar screeches like fingernails on a chalkboard. When Mosshart screams "I'm Mad," you're certain it's true.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

The National

Album: *High Violet*

Label: 4AD/Beggars

Rating:

HERE'S A WORD of advice for anyone listening to the new National record for the first time — be patient. The band have always played soft brooding rock, but they've always known when to turn



Sea of Cowards is the new album by The Dead Weather.

up the heat, especially on 2007's acclaimed *Boxer*. *High Violet* is, mostly, a subdued disc. There are ebbs and flows, but don't

be surprised if Matt Berninger's deep baritone pipes lull you to sleep. With a little time though the National's nuances

will come through — *Afraid of Everyone's* almost gospel-like combo of harmonies and atmospherics is stunning, for example. Many will still take the *Boxer* over this record, but at least give *High Violet* a chance.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Holy F—k

Album: *Latin*

Label: XL

Rating:

HOLY F—K'S REPUTATION for dazzling audiences live with their singular instruments often precedes the Toronto outfit's work in the studio, even after earning a Polaris Prize nomination for 2007's awe-inspir-

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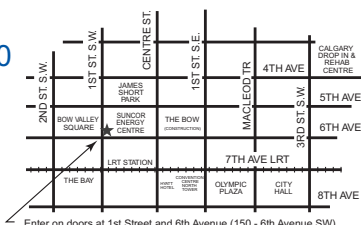
ing LP. Recorded in an Ontario barn, third album *Latin* finds the band embracing their strength as performers by engineering their palatable, scrambled noise as if they're on stage. The result is a brilliant album that swells with unpredictable melodic turns, tight Krautrock grooves, fist-pumping crescendos and the perfect balance of chaos and control. With *Latin*, *Holy F—k* is bound to make people view them as not just a must-see live act, but also the studio wizards they've become.

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Celebrity burglary suspect update

A Los Angeles judge has rejected a bid by a key suspect in a rash of celebrity burglaries to force prosecutors to give him a favourable plea deal in return for his assistance in unraveling break-ins at homes of Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan and other stars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Bob is still laughing after all these years

"Fifty years!" Bob Newhart marvelled. "It's like where the hell did the time go?"

The comedian was ruminating recently as he relaxed between concert dates on a 14-city tour celebrating his golden anniversary in show business.

"I'll tell you how the world has changed," he said in the living room of his secluded Bel-Air home. "We were all called the sick comics. Time magazine did an article on all of us: Lenny Bruce, myself, Shelley Berman and Mike Nichols and Elaine May. Lenny was knocking over all kinds of sacred topics, and we all were called 'sick.' I was making people sick because I made fun of a president — Abe Lincoln. Compared to today, it's hard to believe."

Newhart's very first gig was at a night club in Houston. His act went north — but downhill — from there.

"I was in Windsor, Canada, and I died every night,"

Newhart recalled. "Not a snicker, not a laugh. I almost went back to accounting

(his previous endeavour). I told myself, 'That's it.' Then I played Winnipeg, and it was fine. But there isn't a standup comedian who hasn't had just one but a bunch of bad performances."

Two weeks after his debut in Houston, he recorded *The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart*.

"It then went crazy and went beyond anyone's expectations, especially mine."

At 81, Bob Newhart has reached the age when many performers call it quits.

"I've had time off and it drove me nuts," he claimed. "I was crawling up the wall."

"I know some people who say, 'I wanna quit making people laugh. I'm tired of

making people laugh.' That doesn't make sense to me. Why would I want to stop doing it? When you do a show and it works and you come off stage and they've had a good time and you've had a good time. Why stop doing that?"

He explained his modus operandi: "I have an idea and I'll try it in Seattle and maybe refine it a little more in Calgary and refine it a little more in Vancouver. The art of it is doing it 10 million times and see what happens. That's a kick. The art of doing it 10 million times but make it seem like the first time. That's the art of it."

Newhart is forever working new material into his routine.

"I'll try out this idea I have about being Catholic and the guilt that comes along with it," he said. "I'll try it out and maybe parts of it will work and parts of it won't."

"It's like a car, I guess. You take out the engine, you put a new one in. That's the fun part. You'll change a word and it doesn't work. What was it that worked yesterday and it didn't work today?"

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Four film extras hurt in Tofino, B.C.

ACCIDENT Four movie extras working on a film starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson had to be treated for minor injuries after their boat hit a reef or sandbar off Tofino's Tonquin Beach.

Lorraine Jamison, a publicist with Vancouver's TCG Productions Ltd., said one man involved in the shooting of *The Big Year* was kept in toronto General Hospital overnight Tuesday for observations.

"Everyone's going to be OK," she said Wednesday morning. "If somebody's injured, you want to make sure they're checked out."

She said the movie's producers have also visited the injured man, who is expected to be released today.

Jamison said the accident took place around 7:30 p.m. when the tide was low.

She said the boat was carrying about 25 background performers when it struck a reef or sandbar. First aid was available on the boat, she added.

Three of the injured extras were treated at toronto General Hospital and released Tuesday night.

Extras who were on the boat at the time of the accident have met with the producers and Jamison said all want to return to work.

"We're filming as usual today," Jamison said.



Owen Wilson stars in the film.

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Out of the blues

The Pack A.D. takes latest album in new direction

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Every now and then a band needs a change. For Vancouver duo The Pack A.D., the time had come to take their music in a new direction. Gone is the grungy blues from their first records — their latest, *We Kill Computers*, is straight-up garage rock.

"It was a natural progression," says singer and guitarist Becky Black, as she and her bandmate, Maya Miller, are driving across New York state. "We get sick of playing the same thing over and over again, and in the end these songs didn't have as much blues."

The record is a guttural collection of abrasive guitar rock — not unlike the band they get compared to the most, The White Stripes. But the group also has some Queens of the Stone Age and Led Zeppelin in them. Big Anvil's meaty, opening riff gives way to Miller's pounding drums and Black's Jack White-ish pipes. This one's got more of a blues bent than most of the songs on the record, but there's a healthy amount of Sabbath-like rock too.

Besides the lack of blues, the most noticeable difference between the two records is that their sophomore effort, *Funeral Mixtape*, featured a lot of



The Pack A.D. has replaced blues rock with garage rock on latest album *We Kill Computers*.

slow, sludgy songs. *We Kill Computers* is completely opposite — almost every song is a relentless guitar attack.

Black explains that they took their time in the studio on their second album, which meant they had more opportunities to experiment. "We had time to come up with all these slow songs," she says. "But we realized we didn't play a lot of those songs slow live, so we decided to come up with a rocking album."

"The last album was a little heavy ... It's not really our personalities."

While their musical shift

"We get sick of playing the same thing over and over again, and in the end these songs didn't have as much blues." Becky Black

will get some attention, their album's provocative title is also sure to raise a few eyebrows. Black says there's nothing cryptic behind *We Kill Computers* — she's just not into social media. "Me and Maya have a mutual dislike of the computer and network-

ing," she admits. "It's annoying."

The twosome have a Facebook page and upload their music videos to YouTube, but they don't have a Twitter account and they won't start one anytime soon. "We have enough connecting with fans on Facebook and MySpace," she says. "Twitter eliminates the mystery."

Luckily, their fans are little less down on technology. "We put up our music videos and that's about it," says Black. "It's other people who end up putting most of our footage online."



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Aniston, Rudd pair up for Wanderlust

Jennifer Aniston has signed up to star in a new movie with Paul Rudd. The actress will take on the female lead in new comedy Wanderlust alongside Rudd, who she co-starred with in 1998 movie The Object of My Affection. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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'I'll go Lenin, he'll go Trotsky'

Feore plays authority figure for laughs in commie comedy

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



Given Colm Feore's habit of playing historical figures — he's starred as everyone from Trudeau and Glenn Gould to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel on screens big and small — you'd imagine in a movie about the reincarnation of a Soviet politician called The Trotsky, he must be playing the legendary Bolshevik.

"I looked at Trotsky and he had hair so that was out," Feore laughs.

In fact, in the film the actor plays the authoritarian

principal of Montreal's (fictional) Jacques Parizeau English School who tries to prevent Leon Bronstein (Jay Baruchel) — a student who believes he is the reincarnation of revolutionary Leon Trotsky — from unionizing the school's students.

The Trotsky opens tomorrow

"I was between episodes of 24 so I hadn't shaved," he says, "and I thought, 'Why don't I just keep not shaving? I'll present myself to (director) Jacob (Tierney) and say, 'Would this work for you? I think this would give us a certain Lenin-esque feel.' I thought, 'I'll go Lenin, he'll go Trotsky and



Canadian actor Colm Feore, right, stars as an uptight school principal in The Trotsky.

it will be eerie."

Feore — who sprinkles his conversation with words like "supercilious" and self-deprecating comments — has more than a passing resemblance to the Russian revolutionary.

"We had this huge Lenin

poster behind Jay's head at one point," he says. "Jacob framed the shot so that when I turn away I'm perfectly framed in the poster."

The actor, who jumps back and forth between big budget films like the upcoming Thor, TV work and

small films to fill in the gaps was taken by the script the moment he read it.

"To me it seemed very springy," he says. "It has a bouncy intelligence to it. Particularly since it came from young people. Right

now I am surrounded by young people. I have my kids and I think, 'What would flatter them in reflection?' If they see themselves as smart and able to change their world, this is a message I would like to be able to send. There is something heroically quixotic about the way Jay's character forces his way down his path."

The movie has earned comparisons to Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and other American teen comedies but Feore says it "probably couldn't have been made anywhere else. The Canadian-ness of this film is our genius for subversion while playing it straight. It's not tongue-in-cheek. ... I like that the gags are layered in and it works on a second viewing. There are political statements under the political statements."

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Wayans adds novelist to resume

Damon Wayans now has the unique distinction of having both Homey D. Clown and a novel to his credits.

The 49-year-old comedian, whose career has spanned 1984's Beverly Hills Cop to the early 2000s sitcom My Wife and Kids, recently chatted about how he came to join the ranks of novelists.

Q How did you decide to write Red Hats?

A I was stuck as an artist in terms of what I wanted to do next. When you do TV and you get into syndication, you get lazy. ... So I went to Europe. I was kind of frustrated. I ran into Li-

onel Richie at a restaurant and he was like, 'We all get so caught up as artists trying to do something so extraordinary that we get lost.' He took me to see Dita Von Teese and she came out and she stripped down to some pasties and a diamond G-string. The crowd was going crazy and Lionel turns to me and he goes, 'See? You just show them what they want to see. You don't show them too much. That's it.'

Q I doubt Dita Von Teese has inspired too many novels.

A (Laughs) No, but it was inspirational to see what Lionel was saying, which is: Do simple stories.

Q How much of your mother is in Alma?

A It's a combination of a lot of women that I know. I was born with club foot, so women in my life were very important to nurturing me. I was a lot of people's favourite, for some reason — my aunts and my grandmother and my sisters. In terms of building Alma, there's really a lot of me. I just went through a mid-life crisis. I got in touch with all of these emotions that as a young boy and a young man you never have to deal with or you never want to deal with. I think my divorce triggered it, and I just started asking myself, 'Who am I?'

Q A lot of people going through a mid-life crisis buy a red sports car, not write a book.

A I've done the living to the extreme. The reason why I went to Europe by myself was to get away from that. I didn't want things to define me. One time I had five cars sitting in my garage and I'd have anxiety about what car to drive. Writing this novel was the beginning of me simplifying.

Q Did writing comedy help you in writing fiction?

A Writing sketch comedy — because it's all character



Damon Wayans has written a novel entitled Red Hats.

driven — really helped me in terms of making these women three-dimensional and giving them each a voice.

When you write Homey D. Clown, there's words that can't come out of Homey's mouth, that are untrue to his character.

Jersey Shore lawyer denies claims

TV A lawyer for a cast member of MTV's Jersey Shore said yesterday that an encounter between his client and another woman at a South Florida nightclub was a "non-incident."

James Leonard Jr., who represents Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola, said he spoke with her Tuesday after the woman accused the reality show star of punching her twice in the head Saturday night.

Kristen DeMinco showed reporters a bruise under her eye during a news conference outside Miami Beach police headquarters.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said authorities would review the allegations to see if charges are appropriate.

Leonard would not go into detail about what transpired between the women. He said he expects Giancola to be cleared once all the facts are known.



Sammi Giancola has been accused of hitting a woman at a club.

"This is attention-seeking behaviour on behalf of the alleged victim, an opportunity to get her name in the papers as evidenced

by her press conference," Leonard said. "The whole thing is a mockery, an absolute dog-and-pony show."

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The House, Colbert affair

Keen viewers pick up on little nods in shows

The funniest relationship on TV might be the clandestine, cross-network affair between The Colbert Report and House.

If you look carefully, you can spot a small, framed photograph of Hugh Laurie, the star of Fox's House, on the set of Comedy Central's The Colbert Report. House has reciprocated the gesture with a photo of Colbert that sits on Dr. Gregory House's desk.

On Monday's Report, Stephen Colbert said House's photo sits on his shelf because he's a huge fan of the TV doctor.

"House and I have a lot in common," Colbert, in mock pundit character, said on the show.

"We both refuse to play by the rules, never consider the consequences of our actions, and are horribly abusive to our staffs."

"In the end, we're both always right."

The shelf behind Colbert's C-shaped desk contains a collection of odd objects that he has found reason to keep by some



Hugh Laurie



Stephen Colbert

twist of the show's bizarre comedic meanderings.

The House photo currently rests, Colbert noted, "in a place of honour next to my coin purse made from a bull scrotum."

This made him a doctor, Colbert claimed, and next to his degree, he placed photos of three other TV doctors: House, Noah Drake from General Hospital, and Dr. Cliff Huxtable from The Cosby Show.

The House photo (now more visible because The

Report broadcasts in high-definition) has stuck around, Colbert said in a recent interview, because the show noticed it would frequently show up on camera over his left shoulder.

"We said we've got to keep that — we can't get rid of the picture of House," he said.

When he saw that House responded in kind, Colbert said he was "honoured because I'm such a fan."

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Soaps lead the way with Emmy nods

TELEVISION The soap opera General Hospital leads the way with 18 Daytime Emmy nominations.

It was also announced yesterday that As the World Turns, which has been cancelled by CBS, has 13 nominations.

CBS is airing the annual awards

show from Las Vegas on June 27.

The Young and the Restless has 16 nominations.

Sesame Street has

14 and One Life to Live has 13. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences will give a lifetime achievement award to Agnes Nixon, a creative force behind many soap operas.

One was All My Children, whose star Susan Lucci said Nixon helped create the very fabric of daytime TV.

The ladies of The View have a chance to repeat last year's win as best talk show hosts.

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Dinner for two with drinks: \$85

Signature Dish: Duo of duck

A Stephen Avenue anchor, the second-floor Murrieta's is a beautiful space, with ample room for business groups and romantic dates alike.

While it's obvious the kitchen is capable, our visit was best described as uneven. Borderline fishy Westcoast clam chowder (\$6.93) was jammed with other seafood as much as clams, but another starter of tempura prawns (\$14.21) was fabulous.

Roasted mushroom orechiette (\$18.71) drowned in a too-oily basil



Roasted mushroom orechiette (\$18.71) from Murrieta's.

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pesto, leaving the little ears of pasta, innocent mushrooms, toasted walnuts and feta in a slick.

Meaty entrees fared much better. The Alberta

game duo (\$45.71), a brawny grilled venison chop with braised wild boar belly, would satisfy any dedicated carnivore.

The duo of duck (\$28.81) impressed as a pink seared duck breast, complemented with lumache stuffed with braised duck leg, so you get the best of the fowl's world.

Dessert was a sweet surprise

(pun intended) with a perfectly balanced carrot cake, thinly layered with caramel.

We started the meal off with a friendly server who disappeared by the middle of our meal without a word, leaving mostly the runners to take care of us until it was time for the bill. Like I said, it was an uneven night.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a visit with Red Truck Beer's Brewer David Varga.

In brief

ITALIAN MERGER Capote chef/owner Giuseppe Di Gennaro is teaming up with the Sorrentino's chain to relaunch its Calgary location. The revamped concept is for family-style, sharing platters. Sorrentino's by Di Gennaro is slated for a grand opening May 18.

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Looks like their differences weren't so irreconcilable after all. After both citing that reason in filing separate divorce papers last month, Larry King and his seventh wife, Shawn Southwick King, have reconciled and halted their separation, people.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Jackson wanted to leave everything behind

AND SO HE DID. JUST NOT THE WAY HE HAD IMAGINED Michael Jackson desperately wanted to go into hiding before his death, female-first.co.uk reports.

Tapes of leaked answering machine messages have revealed the late singer — who died of acute Propofol intoxication last June — begged friends for money to help him start a new life as he feared for his safety.

In one message, pub-

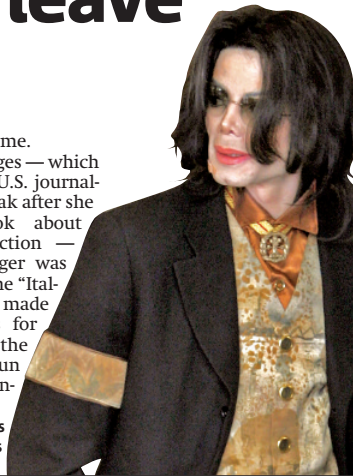
lished by The Sun newspaper, he said: "It is Michael calling. It is very important, I want that 150 in that account for me, because ... I am very concerned about my life."

"I am hearing a lot of stories (name withheld) is still trying to sabotage (inaudible) me and I want to be in a different environment and, um, I've found a place that I like and now (inaudible) I want to be away for a while where

they can't find me.

Other messages — which were given to U.S. journalist Daphne Barak after she wrote a book about celebrity addiction — reveal the singer was trying to flee the "Italian Mafia" and made more requests for cash, using the code word "sun screen" for money.

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Brit doesn't trust Jason's biz choices

BUT SHE STILL TRUSTS HIS TASTE IN WOMEN Britney Spears is ditching Jason Trawick as her agent — but keeping him as her boyfriend. Spears and Trawick "have decided to end their professional relationship and focus on their personal relationship," a rep for the singer tells People.

"Since wrapping her recent world tour, Spears has been busy in the studio working on her next album." While she'll have to find a new agent now, "they are very happy," a source says.

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Alex doesn't want strike out

HOPING FOR A HOME RUN WITH THIS ONE BUT IS KEEPING ALL HIS BASES COVERED JUST IN CASE SHE DECIDES TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT. OK, I'LL STOP NOW New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez is hoping his fledgling romance with Cameron Diaz doesn't suffer the same fate as his recent relationship with Kate Hudson, according to Hollyscoop.

"He doesn't want what happened to him and Kate to happen between him and Cameron," a source says.

"Kate was at

every New York game and then some and even went to Alex's game practice.

Things got too clingy, too fast."

Luckily, he doesn't have to worry about Diaz doing the same.

"Cameron is not really into baseball, so she wouldn't want to go to all the games," the source adds.

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Wanted to stay seated

INSTEAD THEY HAD TO PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS Leonardo DiCaprio and girlfriend Bar Refaeli had tough time settling in for a screening of Iron Man 2 recently, as they and their friends were asked to move seats four times, according to Page Six.

"He clearly didn't realize you could reserve seats," a source says of Di-

Caprio, who was at least a good sport about the whole thing. "During the previews, Leo and his group were asked to move three times. Then, as the trailer for his new movie, Inception, began playing, they were asked to move again."

"They were gracious. Leo was smiling at the irony of it."

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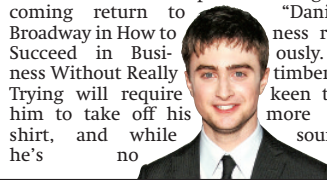
Daniel will bare some of it

THIS TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. THERE WON'T BE A HORSE, FOR ONE Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe's upcoming return to Broadway in How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying will require him to take off his shirt, and while he's no

stranger to stripping down on stage, this time he wants to beef up first, according to the Sun.

"Daniel is taking his fitness regime really seriously. He put on a little timber last year and is keen to get down to a more svelte shape," a source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Best way to show you're over a break up?

MAKE OUT WITH RANDOMS IN A PUBLIC PLACE Jim Carrey has been working hard at getting over his split from

Jenny McCarthy.

Sources tell Page Six the actor arrived at a New York City nightclub at 3 a.m. recently with an entourage of 10 women.

"Once in the VIP area, he turned his attention to a

pretty blonde who looked a lot like Jenny and a hot brunette," a source says.

"Things were getting so hot and heavy, someone shouted, 'Get a room.' Jim just burst out laughing."

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CelebTweets

LINDSAY LOHAN is still offering condolences, **PARIS HILTON** doesn't exactly lead a tough life, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** doesn't have it so bad either.

@lindsaylohan happy birthday and r.i.p. Natasha Richardson

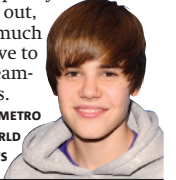
@ParisHilton Just had an amazing two hour deep tissue massage. So relaxing. Now I have to start packing for the Monaco Grand Prix and Cannes. So Excited!

@ConanOBrien I'm a simple man. I start every day with a cup of joe, the morning paper, and a lavender Pan-Asiatic body scrub from my man-servant, Lobo. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bieber's wild ride

BUT NOT TOO WILD Some Justin Bieber fans got a rude awakening recently when the teen sensation made a surprise trip the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park outside L.A., according to the L.A. Times. Young girls waiting to ride the Tatsu roller coaster were initially thrilled to learn Bieber was there, but he was ushered to the front of the line so he and his entourage could ride the roller coaster in peace with most of the seats empty. After the ride, Bieber quietly slipped out, not so much as a wave to his screaming fans.

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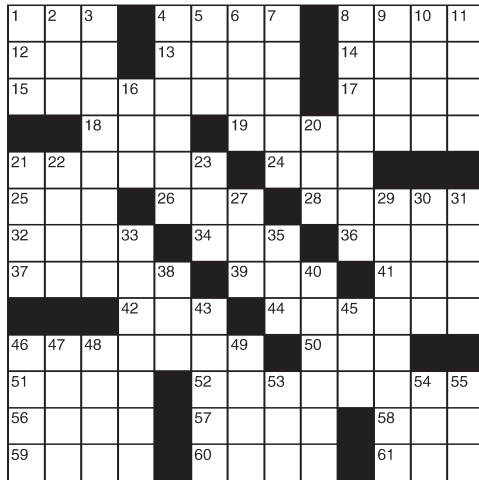
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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



ACROSS

- 1 Vegas-based TV series
- 4 Rebuff a masher
- 8 Satan's minions
- 12 Coop denizen
- 13 Portable phone
- 14 "— nome" (Verdi aria)
- 15 Soon
- 17 Eastern potentate
- 18 Additionally
- 19 Football stat
- 21 Khaki pants
- 24 Body art, for short
- 25 Cartoonist
- 26 Depressed
- 28 Robbery
- 32 Rice-shaped pasta
- 34 Joker
- 36 Egyptian symbol of life
- 37 "The Duke"
- 39 Knock
- 41 Sailor's assent
- 42 Conclude
- 44 Abate
- 46 Thwarts

- 50 Shoe width
- 51 Ginormous
- 52 Hardly calm
- 56 "— have to do"
- 57 Manage somehow
- 58 Old French coin
- 59 Jamie Oliver, e.g.
- 60 Basin accessory
- 61 Away from WSW

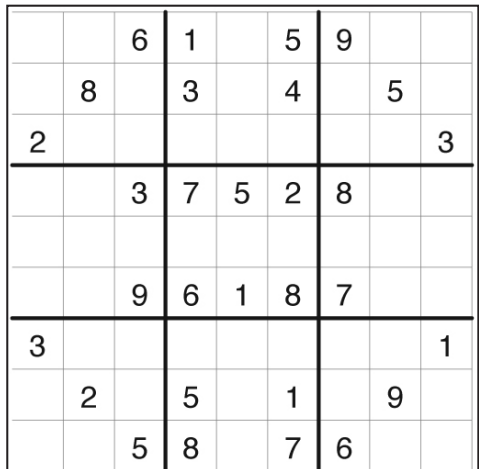
DOWN

- 1 Actor McBride
- 2 D.C. VIP
- 3 Highly excited
- 4 Guppy troop?
- 5 It may be worn with a muumuu
- 6 Partner in crime
- 7 Accordion feature
- 8 Summertime beverage
- 9 One of the Three Bears
- 10 Bluenose
- 11 Aching
- 16 Triumphed
- 20 "Go, team!"
- 21 Cornfield
- 22 Circle dance
- 23 Scatter seeds
- 27 1940s headline word
- 29 Sort of
- 30 Terrier type
- 31 Subsequently
- 33 Personal identity
- 35 Cowboy's sweetie
- 38 Navy rank (Abbr.)
- 40 Eye, slangily
- 43 Rid of rime
- 45 Vast expanse
- 46 Stylish
- 47 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 48 Look lasciviously
- 49 Winter forecast
- 53 Mimic
- 54 Charged bit
- 55 Prompt

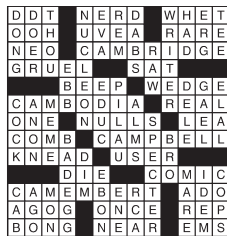
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Fusilli with Brown Butter and Roasted Asparagus

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bunch asparagus (about 1 lb)
- 1 lb fusilli pasta
- 5 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Snap the tough bottom stalks off the asparagus and discard. Spread asparagus on a rimmed sheet pan, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss on sheet pan until completely coated. Roast in oven, shaking pan occasionally, until tips of spears are golden brown and stalks are just tender, about 10 minutes for medium thick spears, 5 to 6 minutes for thinner ones. Chop into 2-inch long

pieces and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, set a large pot of salted water over high heat and bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook to al dente according to package instructions. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup pasta water. Set pasta aside. Dry pot and return to medium heat. Add butter and melt. Continue to cook butter until it becomes pale golden brown in colour, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the lemon juice and asparagus and stir. Add the Parmesan cheese and toss with pasta. Add some of the reserved water if pasta seems dry. Stir in parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide pasta among 4 plates and garnish with more Parmesan.

SERVES 4

• Serve this recipe with *Feta-Stuffed Lamb Meatballs and Tomato Bruschetta*. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.



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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your material circumstances may be changing but don't take it too seriously. It is only a temporary financial adjustment.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't be too eager to start something new. It may feel as if you don't start now you'll get left behind but that isn't true. Focus on your long-term ambitions.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are determined to succeed and will stop at nothing to reach the top, financially and professionally.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Go out of your way to let partners and loved ones know that your emotions run deep. Others sometimes find you difficult to approach.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There may be times over the next day or two when you need to be alone. You have a great many things to think about, so find yourself a quiet spot.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your head will rule your heart today, and that's fine, but try not to give loved ones the impression that you no longer care.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A flash of insight could change your life for the better. What you realize may not be that important in itself but the implications could be enormous.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Despite what some people might think you can do charm and you will do it magnificently today, and even better tomorrow.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may have to sacrifice one aspect of your lifestyle over the next two or three days so that another aspect gets the chance to thrive.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Although Aquarius is generally a positive sign there are times when you let other people's negative comments get to you, that could be a danger today.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You seem to be in an idealistic frame of mind at the moment and what happens today and tomorrow will further convince you that it pays to be that way.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You have been imposing too many restrictions on yourself of late and you need to get back to that free and easy attitude you have.



This day in history

- 1830: Ecuador gains its independence from Gran Colombia.
- 1846: Mexican-American War: The United States declares war on Mexico.
- 1880: In Menlo Park, N.J., Thomas Edison performs the first test of his electric railway.
- 1939: The first commercial FM radio station in the United States is launched in Bloomfield, Conn. The station later becomes WDRC-FM.
- 1994: Johnny Carson makes his last television appearance on Late Show with David Letterman.

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